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SUBJECT: Agricultural Air Quality Task Force

TO: Dan Glickman, Secretary

The Agricultural Air Quality Task Force, that you recently appointed in accordance with the provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill, held their first meeting on March 5th, 1997. All but four members were present (Dr. Joseph Miller, Ms. Mary Nichols, Mr. Clinton B. Reeder, and Mr. J. Read Smith). However, Ms. Nichols was represented by Ms. Sally Shaver,. I believe the meeting was extremely successful and productive, and I am confident this Task Force will prove to be a valuable asset to you and the Department. A listing of the members is attached for your reference.

Attached for your use and information is a letter from the Task Force concerning their major recommendations resulting from this meeting. The recommendations do not necessarily reflect total unanimity in all cases, but do reflect a very strong prevalence of opinion that they want you to be aware of as you develop the Department of Agriculture's response to EPA's proposed changes in air quality standards.

At your convenience, we will arrange for a more detailed briefing on the session. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 17-19, 1997 in California.

PAUL W. JOHNSON
Chief

Attachments

cc:

James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources & Environment